Revival of Hindustan Photo Films Ltd.

3598. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Members of Parliament had submitted a memorandum dated 12th December, 2006 to the Ministry regarding revival of Hindustan Photo Films Ltd. and the problems of the employees; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on the issues raised in the memorandum?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The issues raised in the memorandum were pay revision of the employees and revival of the company. As regards pay revision, the company is not in a position even to pay its monthly salaries/wages to the employees. Salary, wages etc. are disbursed by the company with the financial support of Government. Therefore, pay/wage revision cannot be considered for sick company as per the extent Government guidelines. As regards revival of the company, the department has engaged a consultant, M/s. Ernst & Young on the basis of the recommendations of the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry to examine the viability of HPF.

Government's new role in age of globalization

3599. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the age of globalization and market-friendly economies, Government should keep out of industries having no social, environmental or security implications;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government towards this statement, especially keeping in view that from 1956 to 1991, it was the Public Sector that built almost all of industrial manpower, infrastructure, etc.; and

(c) whether considering the outcome of liberalization, privatization and globalization post-1991, our aim should be selectivity in public-private partnership to achieve our avowed aim of economic and social upliftment of have-nots?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The Government is committed to a strong and effective public sector whose social objectives are met by its commercial functioning and for this, there is need for selectivity and a strategic focus. The National Common Minimum Programme provides for the above and, *inter alia,* indicates that privatization will increase competition, not decrease it. There must be a direct link between privatization and social needs like, for example, the use of privatization revenues for designated social sector schemes.

Details of Independent Directors

3600. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state the names of Independent Directors with their professional backgrounds in Navratna and Mini Ratna PSEs?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): The Independent Directors are appointed on the Boards of Navratna and Miniratna Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) by the concerned Administrative Ministries/Departments on the basis of recommendations of Search Committee headed by Chairman, Public Enterprises Selection Board and after obtaining the approval of competent authority. The Government has laid down eligibility criteria for selection/appointment of non-official Directors on the Boards of CPSEs as per which the minimum qualification for part-time non-official Directors would be graduate degree from a recognized university, experience of not less than 10 years at the level of Joint Secretary and above in the Government; Chairman-cum-Managing Director/Managing Director in Corporate Sector/Public Sector Undertaking; Professor level in an Academic Institution or professionals of repute like eminent Chartered Accountants/Cost